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SUBJ: KOREA AT THE 30TH UNGA

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1. CHARGE MET WITH GOS MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MATSEBULA OCT. 1 TO DISCUSS KOREAN ISSUE AT 30TH UNGA. CHARGE STATED THAT USG CONSIDERS THIS ISSUE "MOST VITAL TO OUR INTERESTS", ADDING THAT THIS MATTER IS SO IMPORTANT IN OUR VIEW THAT RECORD OF HOW OTHER COUNTRIES VOTE ON THIS ISSUE WILL BE MOST CAREFULLY CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON. CHARGE URGED THAT GOS MAINTAIN ITS VOTING PATTERN OF LAST YEAR; THAT IS, VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION WE ARE CO-SPONSORING, VOTE AGAINST THE COMMUNIST-SPONSORED RESOLUTION, AND SUPPORT US ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES. CHARGE THEN REVIEWED US POSITION AS SET FORTH IN SECRETARY'S UNGA SPEECH, DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS IN PARA 7, REF B, AND REF A. MATSEBULA LISTENED CAREFULLY, TOOK NOTES AND CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE TO USG.

2. IN REPLY, MATSEBULA SAID THAT ROK AMBASSADOR FROM NAIROBI HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARRIVED IN SWAZILAND SEPT. 30 AND CALLED ON PM AND FOREIGN

AFFAIRS THAT MORNING. MATSEBULA ASKED AND WAS TOLD WHO WERE SIGNATORIES TO 1953 ARMISTICE AGREEMENT (P. 376 OF "TREATIES IN FORCE"). HE ALSO ASKED WHO WOULD SUPERVISE THE ARMISTICE IF UN COMMAND WAS ABOLISHED. CHARGE REPLIED THIS WAS PRECISELY THE CONCERN OF USG. FOR THIS REASON, THE SECRETARY HAD PROPOSED A MEETING OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED SUCH AS US, ROK, PRC, AND DPRK PRIOR TO THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND. MATSEBULA SAID HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING PRECISELY WHAT COUNTRIES WE THOUGHT MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A MEETING. FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD USSR BE INCLUDED SINCE THEY HAVE A DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT WITH NORTH KOREA?

3. IN RESPONSE TO CHARGE'S QUESTION, MATSEBULA SAID PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS ALSO MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAD ORDERED FOREIGN MINISTRY TO PREPARE A PAPER FOR HIM ON KOREAN ISSUE. PM WOULD THEN DECIDE WHETHER QUESTION SHOULD AGAIN BE DISCUSSED IN CABINET. MATSEBULA THOUGHT THAT IN LIGHT OF "NEW INFORMATION", AND ROK AND USG DEMARCHES, THE ISSUE WOULD BE RECONSIDERED.

4. ROK DELEGATION NOW VISITING SWAZILAND HAS NOT MADE ANY ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THIS EMBASSY.

5. CONTRARY TO PARA 6, REF A, GOS DEL TO 30TH UNGA IS HEADED BY PERMREP NORMAN MALINGA NOT FOREIGN MINISTER. AS SUGGESTED BY AMBASSADOR IN MBABANE 1486, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF USUN WERE TO DISCUSS KOREAN QUESTION WITH HIM OR GOS AMBASSADOR TO US J.L.F. SIMSLANE, WHO IS NUMBER 2 ON GOS DELEGATION.

6. ACTION REQUESTED. IN VIEW MATSEBULA'S STATEMENT THAT PM IS STUDYING KOREAN QUESTION, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE US WITH SHORT BACKGROUND PIECE WE COULD PASS TO GOS. THIS PIECE MIGHT COVER (A) SUMMARY PROVISIONS OF ARMISTICE AND COORDINATE DOCUMENT SIGNED SAME DATE IN WASHINGTON BY UN ALLIES; (B) RECENT VIOLATIONS OF ARMISTICE BY NORTH KOREANS; (C) HARMFUL EFFECTS OF PASSAGE OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION; (D) COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN A MEETING OF "THE PARTIES CONCERNED"; AND (E) TEXT OF OUR REVISED RESOLUTION (PARA 6 REF B) IF IT IS AVAILABLE.

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